Id) if so, what steps are being taken (a) It has not been possible to some ether area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) It has not been possible to locate an alternative site for dumping the garbage.

(b) The refuse is collected regularly to avoid insanitation and pollution.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The owner of H. No. 13, Souta Extension Part-I has filed a suit in the Court and matter is subjudice.

Persons Killed by terrorists in Punjab

2&&. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons klled at different places in Punjab by terrorists since the imposition of President's rule there;

lb) what is the number of terrorists killed/wounded in that State during this period;

(c) what is the number of security personnel killed/seriously wounded by terrorists during the above period; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the law and order situation and eliminate terrorism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the period 12th May, 1987 to 22nd July.

1987, 224 persons, including 21 poliee-*men,* were killed due to terrorist activities in Punjab, 104 terrorists were killed in the State during the peniod.

The information regarding the number of terrorists and policemaa Lijuied is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The steps taken to improve lay and order situation and to curb terre rist activities in Punjab include raid on the hide-outs of terrorists, thei oaroouiers and associates; deployment of para-military forces; intensification of police patrolling, confering of powers of search arrests, etc. under the Armed Force (Punjab and Clandigarh) Special Powers Act, 1983, to para-military forces, and t-trengthening of security arrangement! on the border

Forest Depletion

300. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK;

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate at which forests are being depleted annually;

(b) as against the target of affores tation of 5 million hectares of land every year, what is the actual achievement during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(c) what is the estimate of funds needed for taking up afforestation of land of 5 million hectares every year and

(d) what are the reasons for tha shortfall and what steps have been taken to improve the area under forest cover during the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) According to studies of satellite